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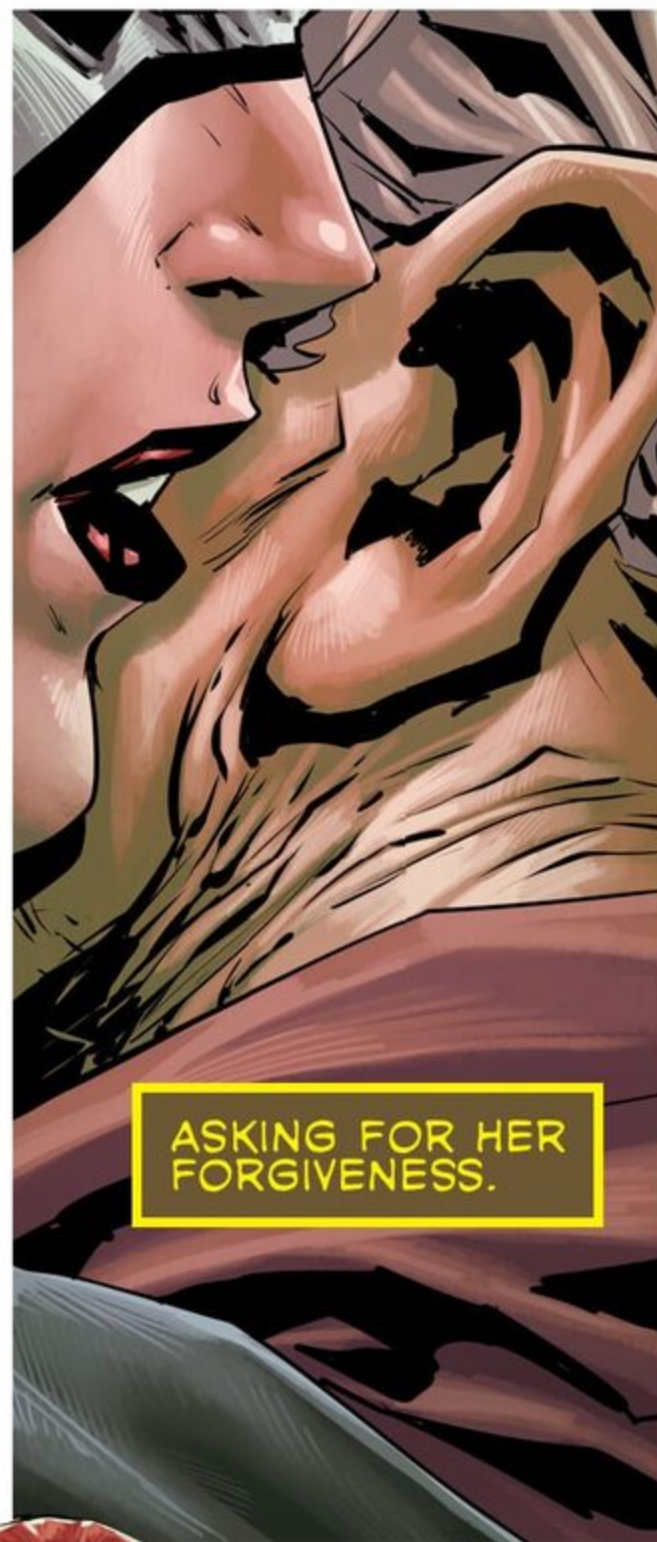
PREVIOUSLY IN SCORCHED

Spawns forces gather to attack the Saints. Meanwhile She-Spawn returns from the dead with a new purpose.

SHE-SPAWN HAD TO COME BACK. SHE HAD TO RISE HERSELF FROM *THE DEAD*. SHE HAD TO MAKE SURE THEY WERE *SAFE*.



THEN, FOR THE FIRST TIME, SHE APOLOGIZES TO HER MOTHER.



ASKING FOR HER FORGIVENESS.

SHE TELLS HER MOTHER A WAR IS COMING AND VERY FEW WILL BE PREPARED FOR IT, THAT'S WHY SHE HASN'T BEEN ABLE TO RAISE HER OWN DAUGHTER. A DAUGHTER THAT DOESN'T EVEN KNOW SHE EVEN HAS A MOM. AT LEAST ONE THAT IS STILL ALIVE.

ARE YOU A FAIRY PRINCESS?

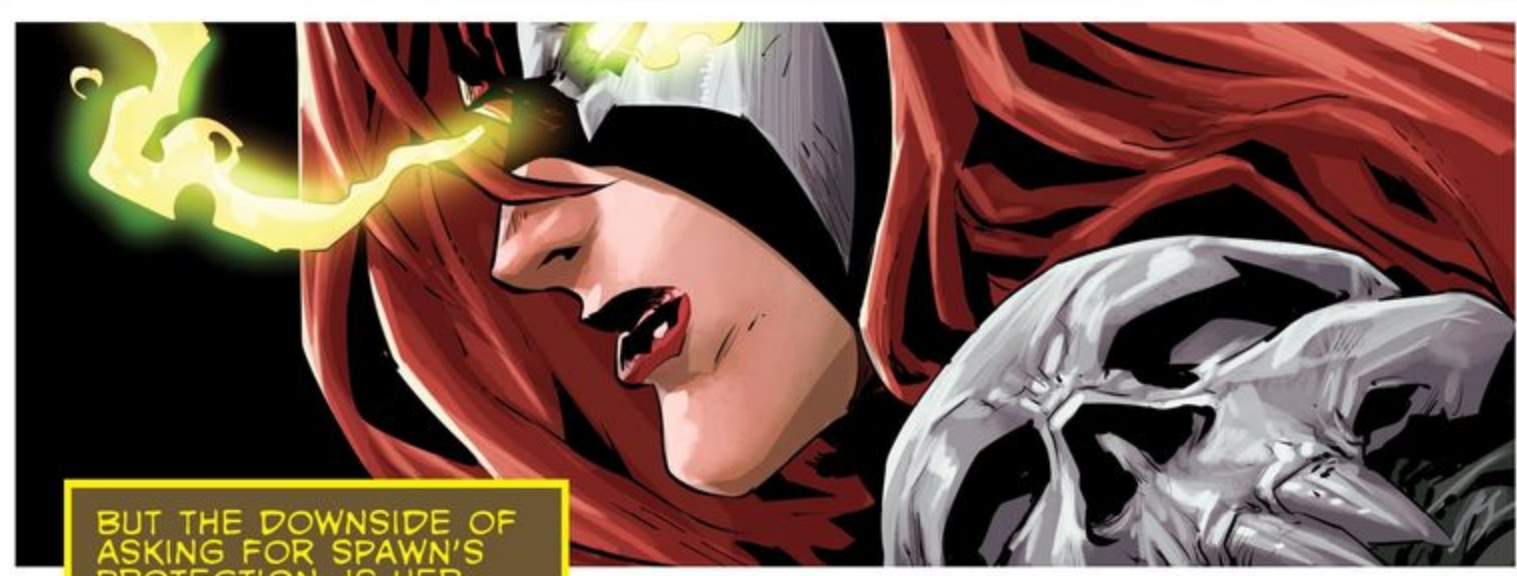
NO.

YOU ARE.

AND SOME DAY, WHEN YOU'RE BIGGER, BRAVER... SMARTER. YOU'LL SHOW THE WORLD HOW VERY *SPECIAL* YOU ARE.

BECAUSE JESSICA KNOWS THAT IF SHE *DOESN'T* SURVIVE, THAT IF SHE'S KILLED AT ANY TIME--SPAWN HAS PROMISED TO PROTECT HER CHILD'S LIFE.





BUT THE DOWNSIDE OF ASKING FOR SPAWN'S PROTECTION, IS HER DAUGHTER WOULD ALSO BE DRAGGED INTO A WORLD FILLED WITH MISERY AND CONTEMPT.

ENOUGH.
IT IS NOT THE CHILD'S TIME, NOT YET, UNLESS YOU'RE WILLING TO SACRIFICE YOURSELF SO THE GIRL CAN TAKE YOUR PLACE.

YOU KNOW THE GIRL ISN'T READY TO ASSUME HER STATUS, SO DOES JESSICA.



I ALSO KNOW YOU'RE FAR FROM READY YOURSELF.

PERHAPS.

WHICH IS WHY, GAIA FOLLOWED YOU HERE, SO YOU WILL **FULFILL** YOUR DESTINY. ACTUALLY, YOU NEED TO BECOME **DESTINY** ITSELF.



TO BECOME THE ONE WHO CAN **SHAKE** ENTIRE WORLDS.

THE FILES, THEY ALL SEEM TO BE ABOUT ANCIENT RELICS.

AND SAINTS.

SINCE TERMINUS AND THE 'PLANET EATERS' SHARE THE SAME BLOOD LINES THEY BOTH MUST WANT THE SAME THING.

MEANWHILE, AT THE MILITARY BASE WHERE TERMINUS' FOLLOWERS LEFT IT IN TATTERS...

POWER.

OVER HUMANITY ITSELF.

JUST ASK... HIM!

THEY TURN, AS SPAWN FOCUSES HIS ATTENTION ON SOMETHING MOVING IN THE SHADOWS.

SHOW YOURSELF COWARD!



I'M
RIGHT
HERE.

BUT IF
YOU'RE SO BRAVE,
STEP FORWARD--
SHOW ME HOW
BRAVE YOU ARE. HOW
BRAVE ANY OF
YOU ARE!

NONE STEP
FORWARD
TO TEST THE
MANDARIN.

I
DIDN'T
THINK
SO.

WHY'D
YOU FOLLOW
US?

TO TELL
YOU WHERE
TERMINUS IS. FOR
AS MUCH AS I HATE
WHAT YOU STAND
FOR, I'VE BEEN SENT
TO LET YOU KNOW
THERE'S A WAY TO
RID OURSELVES
OF HIS
THREATS.

BUT
ONLY IF
YOU JOIN ME
IN THIS
CAUSE.

ARE
YOU OUT
OF YOUR
MIND?

WHO
SENT
YOU?



**I
DID!**

THE
PLANET
EATERS PLAN TO
TAKE THIS PLANET.
TO REWRITE A
NEW HISTORY, ONE
THAT INCLUDES
ALL OUR
DEATHS!

BUT THEY'VE
UNDERESTIMATED
US. SO, HELLSPAWN,
WHAT ARE YOU
GOING TO DO?

THE
OTHER FACTIONS,
THEY'RE ALL IN
PLACE. GAIA. HEAVEN.
HELL. AND NOW THE
COSMOS. HOW DO
YOU PLAN ON SAVING
YOUR LOVED
ONES?





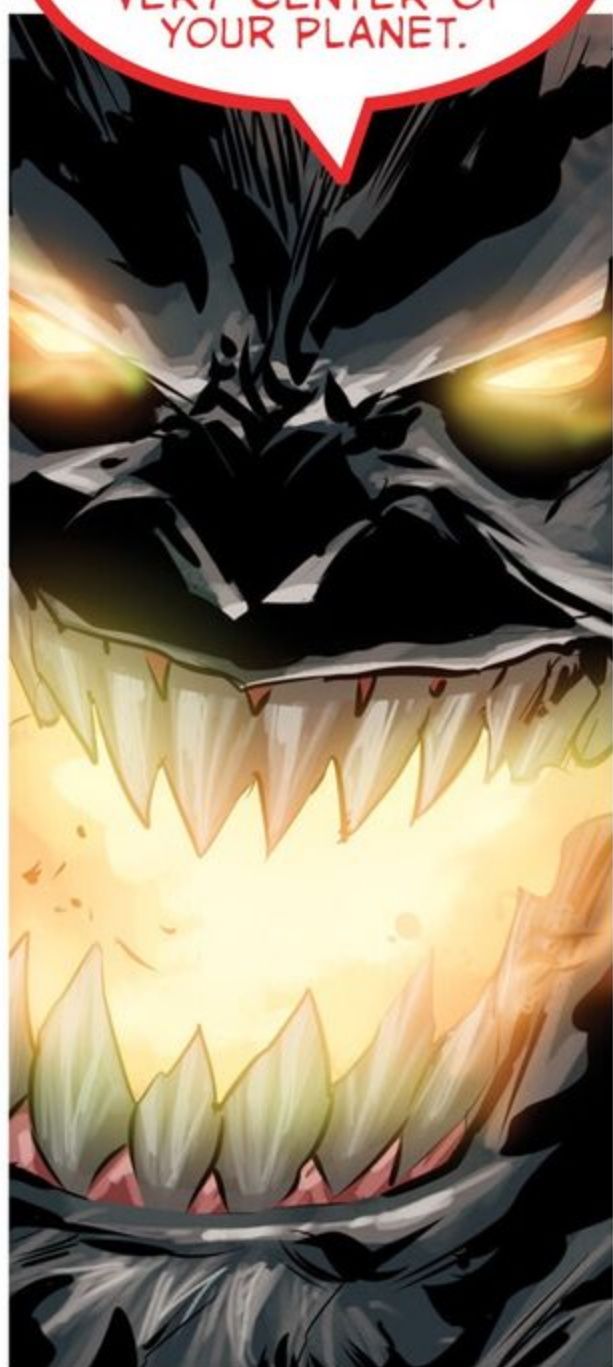
YOU
SEEM...
SCARED,
URIZEN.

I'M
BONDED TO
THIS EARTH. IF
IT **DIES**...

THEN
YOU
DIE.

BUT THEY'RE
ALREADY HERE.
ALREADY FEEDING
OFF EARTH.

THEY'RE
NOT FEEDING,
THEY'RE **CORING** IT
OUT. DOWN TO THE
VERY CENTER OF
YOUR PLANET.



SO,
HOW DO WE
GET TO
THEM?



WE
BREAK
EARTH
OPEN.

WITH THE POWER OF GODS THE TWO HELLISH DEMONS MAKE A **SEISMIC** ASSAULT.

EACH OF THEIR BLOWS REACHES OUT ACROSS THE GLOBE. TRAVELING ALONG THE **SAME** FAULT LINES OF PERMAFROST THE PLANET EATERS HAD BURROWED INTO THE SOIL.

KNOWING THEIR ACTIONS MIGHT CREATE **NATURAL** DISASTERS. SPAWN HAS NO CHOICE--AS THERE IS NOTHING NATURAL ABOUT THE THREAT FACING THIS PLANET.

CRACK



THE '**DEAD ZONES**' HAVE BEEN TORN OPEN, NOW SPACE AND TIME HAVE BECOME FAIR GAME. AND HIS TEAMMATE, SHE-SPAWN, SHE'S BEEN **TAKEN** BY A MYSTERIOUS FORCE.

SO, WHAT HE AND URIZEN ARE DOING IS SENDING THEIR ENEMIES A MESSAGE.

ONE THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO IGNORE.



WHILE, FORTIFIED
UNDER THE BONE
CHURCH OF SARAJEVO...

...CASUALLY SITS THE
HOST OF *THIS* ATTACK
ON OUR WORLD.

THE ONE WHO
BROUGHT SWORN
ENEMIES TOGETHER
AGAINST A COMMON
THREAT TO BOTH.

LET THEM
FLAIL ABOUT,
THEY'VE NO IDEA HOW
FUTILE THEIR STRATEGY
IS. LET SCORCHED AND
URIZEN DELUDE THEM-
SELVES. WHILE THEY'RE
WASTING TIME, WE WILL
CONTINUE OUR
ADVANCE.

ALMOST EVERY
CIVILIZATION ON THIS
PLANET, HAS BEEN
CONQUERED, **COLONIZED**
OR WIPED AWAY DURING
ITS HISTORY. IT'S ABOUT
TO HAPPEN TO ALL OF
THEM AGAIN.

THIS
PLANET HAS
ALWAYS BEEN WEAK,
MAKING ITS **ENTIRE**
CONSUMPTION
INEVITABLE.



THEY
HAVE BEEN
SLAUGHTERING
AND INVADING ONE
ANOTHER SINCE THE
DAWN OF MEN.
STEALING
EACH OTHER'S
LAND...



KILLING
THEIR ENEMY'S
WOMEN AND
CHILDREN.



WE TRIED
TAMING THEM, IT'S
WHY WE SENT THEM
THE "SAINTS". HOPING
TO DELIVER THEM
MIRACLES.



THEY
CHOSE INSTEAD,
TO BOIL THEM
ALIVE. THERE IS
NO HONOR HERE
ANYMORE.





SCIENTISTS ARE NOW SAYING SOME OF THE CLIMATE CHAOS OF THE PAST 24 HOURS CAN BEEN ATTRIBUTED TO ANY NUMBER OF THINGS. INCLUDING FAULT LINES. CLIMATE CHANGE. MAN-MADE DRILLING, THOUGH THE SCIENCE COMMUNITY IS ALSO ACKNOWLEDGING THAT DOZENS OF *OTHER* REASONS COULD BE ADDING TO THIS CURRENT WAVE OF UNPRECEDENTED NATURAL DISASTERS.

THE COUNTER TO THOSE ASSUMPTIONS ARE GROUPS LIKE THE JONESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH, WHO ARE CLAIMING THIS IS PART OF THE PREDICTED RAPTURE, FORTIFIED BY REPORTS OF LARGE DISPLAYS OF LIGHT AND RADIATION COMING FROM EASTERN EUROPE.



A GENERAL, SPEAKING FOR THE PENTAGON, SAYS SOME OF THE BLASTS DETECTED IN THE EARTH'S CORE, HAVE HAD THE MAGNITUDE SIMILAR TO A NUCLEAR EVENT. CAMERAS WERE BLINDED BY THE LIGHT'S INTENSITY, UNABLE TO CAPTURE MANY DETAILED PHOTOS OF ANY ACTUAL EPICENTERS.

IN OTHER PLACES AROUND THE GLOBE THESE EFFECTS HAVE CAUSED A CHAIN REACTION OF ROLLING BLACKOUTS. GOVERNMENTS ARE TRYING TO DETERMINE ANY ROOT CAUSES, AND IF THESE ARE NOT NATURAL OCCURRENCES, THEN NO ONE, AT THIS TIME HAS CLAIMED *RESPONSIBILITY*. OR POINTED TO THOSE IN THE REGION WHO WOULD HAVE WEAPONS THAT COULD DO THIS. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A *POSSIBLE* UNPRECEDENTED SHOW OF FORCE AND NO ONE KNOWS FROM WHO?



SHUT UP! OF COURSE WE KNOW WHO'S DOING ALL THIS! IT HAS HIS FINGERPRINTS ALL OVER IT... AND THAT'S OUR *MYSTERIOUS* COSTUMED *MADMAN* WHO CALLS HIMSELF *SPAWN*. SINCE HIS APPEARANCE ON THE PUBLIC STAGE THINGS HAVE BEEN GOING TO HELL IN A **HANDBASKET!**

WE'VE SEEN *DOZENS* OF STRANGE THINGS HAPPEN, THINGS THAT DON'T MAKE SENSE!! *REMEMBER!* HE'S COME OUT AND TAKEN CREDIT BEFORE. AND, IT'S NOT ONLY SPAWN. A BUNCH OF OTHER *FREAKISH* VIGILANTES HAVE BEEN SPOTTED, AND CRAZY SHIT FOLLOWS THEM ALL AROUND--*PROBLEM* IS, WE'RE THE ONES THAT COULD GET CAUGHT UP IN THEIR *CRAZINESS!* WE'VE KNOWN THIS FAR TOO LONG. THIS ISN'T OUR PLANET ANYMORE, FOLKS... SO, *WAKE UP!!*

IT'S THEIR PLANET. WE'RE JUST LIVING ON IT. AND WHAT'S THE *DEAL* WITH ALL THOSE *DAMN* LIGHTS?!?



THOSE LIGHTS--
IT'S WHAT WE CALL:
ALL OUT WAR!

THE SPEAR OF LONGINUS, THE BOW
OF SAINT SEBASTIAN, THE SHIELD
OF ST. PETER, THE "PLANET
EATERS" HAVE SLAYED DOZENS
OF WORLDS WITH THESE WEAPONS.
SO, INSTEAD OF IDLY WAITING FOR
THEIR ENEMIES TO ATTACK...

BECAUSE TO THESE COSMIC INVADERS,
EARTH HAS BECOME PERSONAL TO
THEM, SO SHOWING THE *HUMAN* CRETINS
THAT EVEN THEIR MOST POWERFUL
WARRIORS DON'T HAVE A CHANCE, WILL
MAKE THE REST OF CIVILIZATION QUAKE.

...THEY'LL MEET
THEM **HEAD ON!**

THAT FEAR, WILL
BE THE LAST THING
EVERY BEING ON THIS
PLANET WILL **FEEL!**



FOR THE
BATTLE TO
PROTECT
THE INNOCENT,
THE CLASH OF
GOOD VERSUS
EVIL HAS
PLAYED OUT
ACROSS THE
UNIVERSE
BILLIONS
OF TIMES.

BECAUSE THE
CREATOR OF
EVERYTHING
WE ARE,
EVERYTHING
WE SEE, ALSO
DESIGNED
THE **MOST**
INSIDIOUS
WEAPON
IMAGINABLE...



...GREED!

AND IT'S
EXISTED
FOREVER.

YOU
WANT TO EAT
TERMINUS,
THEN START
WITH YOUR
OWN LEG.

TERMINUS
WON'T HAVE
TO DO THAT,
SPAWN WILL
TAKE **BOTH**
HIS LEGS IF
NECESSARY.
SIMMONS
WON'T STOP.



HE CAN'T. NOT WHEN
HE'S *SO CLOSE* TO
ONCE AGAIN HAVING A
CHANCE AT LIFE WITH
THE WOMAN HE LOVES.



YOU'VE
MADE THIS
EASIER
THAN I
THOUGHT.



WHAT?



SLIT



DON'T BE
SO SHOCKED,
URIZEN HAS BEEN
ONE OF US... FOR
A VERY LONG TIME.
HE PROMISED TO
DELIVER YOU TO
ME, TO MIX YOUR
BLOOD *WITH*
MINE!

THAT COMBINATION OF THEIR
D.N.A.--LIGHT MIXED WITH
DARKNESS--CREATES A
GLOW, BATHING TERMINUS'
FOLLOWERS IN ITS ENERGY!

FORMING HIS
FALLEN INTO
'BLOOD-BEASTS'!

THIS IS HOW THE
PLANET EATERS HAVE
THRIVED. THEY MOLD
STARDUST THEY WERE
BORN WITH, STOLEN
FROM THE WORLDS
THEY DEVoured. IT'S
HOW THEY'VE CREATED
COUNTLESS ARMIES
ACROSS THE GALAXIES.

TURNING
EACH OF
THEM...

...INTO
GODS!



I NOW
HAVE NO
NEED
FOR YOU,
URIZEN.



YOU'VE
SERVED YOUR
PURPOSE.

AS A
REWARD I
NOW **BLIND**
YOU!



SO, YOUR
SIGHT WILL
BE AS BLACK
AS YOUR
SOUL!

BUT, AS
URIZEN
FALLS...A
BIGGER
THREAT

GAIA HAS RETURNED HER
FROM THE DEAD, THOUGH
STILL INFECTED WITH THE
DISEASE BROUGHT BY
THESE INTRUDERS.

BECAUSE GAIA IS
ANGRY--ANGRY AT
THOSE WHO LEFT THIS
WOMAN IN A GRAVE,
CARING EVEN LESS FOR
THIS WOMAN'S DAUGHTER
BECOMING AN
ORPHAN. ALL FOR THE
CAUSE OF SOME 'GREAT
WAR' THAT NEEDED TO
BE FOUGHT.



IF IT'S
A FIGHT YOU
WANT...THEN
RISE!

FACE THE
WRATH OF THIS
SHE-SPAWN!



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